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SUBJ: AFGHANISTANIS AND PAKISTANIS AT BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED

CONFERENCE

REF: (A) KABUL 6160, (B) KABUL 6168, (C) BELGRADE 5524, (D) BELGRADE 5556, (E) BELGRADE 5429

1. REFS A AND B REPORT ECHOES IN KABUL OF AN UNFRIENDLY EXCHANGE BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN DELEGATIONS AT THE RECENT NAM CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AT BELGRADE, AND REQUEST ANY INFO WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON THE SUBJECT. CONFIDENTIAL

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THE YUGOSLAV PRESS, WHICH WE HAVE FOUND GENERALLY ACCURATE ON CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS ALTHOUGH OF NECESSITY PROVIDING ABBREVIATED TEXTS OF SPEECHES WHICH ON OCCASION WERE ALSO EDITED TO REMOVE ABRASIVE LANGUAGE, REPORTED IN GENERAL TERMS EVENTS SURROUNDING PAKISTAN'S APPLICATION FOR GUEST STATUS (REFS C,D, AND E). ON AUGUST 2, PAKISTANI AMB KHAN DESCRIBED THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS TO AMB EAGLEBURGER. WHILE KHAN'S

ACCOUNT IS OBVIOUSLY FROM THE PAKISTANI PERSPECTIVE, WE HAVE NO REASON TO QUESTION THE FACTS AS HE STATES THEM.

- 2. KHAN TOLD US THE ISSUE OF PAKISTAN'S REQUEST TO ASSOCIATE WITH THE NAM IN AN APPROPRIATE STATUS AROSE DURING THE NAM COORDINATING BUREAU'S WORK IN NEW YORK. AT THAT TIME, AFGHANISTAN EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS AND NO DECISION WAS MADE. DURING THE WORK OF THE NAM PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN BELGRADE JUST PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE, AFGHANISTAN EXPRESSLY OPPOSED PAKISTAN'S GUEST STATUS ON THE BASIS THAT PAKISTAN IS A MEMBER OF AN "AGGRESSIVE MILITARY PACT." TANZANIA ALSO EXPRESSED A "RESERVATION" ABOUT PAKISTAN'S ASSOCIATION WITH THE NAM, SAYING THAT ANY STATE WHICH IS A MEMBER OF ANY MILITARY PACT SHOULD ISSUE A "DECLARATION OF INTENT" TO DISENGAGE FROM THAT PACT BEFORE BEING ACCORDED ANY NAM STATUS. KHAN SAYS THERE WAS LITTLE IF ANY SUPPORT FOR THE TANZANIAN/AFGHANISTAN POSITION, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (SIR LANKA) DECLARED A CONSENSUS TO ADMIT PAKISTAN AS GUEST AND REFERRED THE MATTER TO THE MINISTERS FOR ACTION.
- 3. WHEN THE MINISTERS MET, AFGHANISTAN STRONGLY OPPOSED PAKISTAN AS A "MEMBER OF AN AGGRESSIVE MILITARY PACT" AND TANZANIA AGAIN PROPOSED A DECLARATION OF INTENT. ON DECLARATION OF INTENT ISSUE, TANZANIA RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM THE CUBANS AND "SEVERAL OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS." HOWEVER, YUGOSLAV FOREIGN CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTER VRHOVEC -- WHO CHAIRED THE GENERAL PLENARY -- DECLARED A CONSENSUS TO ADMIT PAKISTAN AS A GUEST, AND THIS FAIT ACCOMPLI WAS SO ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS.

- 4. SHORTLY THEREAFTER VRHOVEC INVITED THE PAKISTANIS TO SPEAK. THE AFGHANISTANS OPPOSED THIS, SUPPORTED BY TANZANIA. THIS DELAYED PAKISTAN'S ACCESS TO THE PODIUM. HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THE FIRST DAY'S GENERAL DEBATE, JULY 26, VRHOVEC CALLED ON THE PAKISTANI REPRESENTATIVE, AMB KHAN, WHO THEN SPOKE (REF C).
- 5. BELOW IS THAT PORTION OF AMB KHAN'S ADDRESS WHICH HE IDENTIFIED FOR AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER AS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO THE AFGHANIS:

BEGIN TEXT: "I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY CATEGORICALLY THAT PAKISTAN HAS NEVER BEEN A PARTY TO AN ACT OF AGGRESSION, NOR WILL IT ALLOW ITSELF TO BECOME A PARTY TO SUCH AN ACT. PAKISTAN HAS NO FOREIGN MILITARY BASES NOR ANY FOREIGN TROOPS ON ITS TERRITORY. A FOREIGN COMMUNICATIONS CENTER WHICH EXISTED ON PAKISTAN'S SOIL WAS CLOSED DOWN MORE THAN A DECADE AGO. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CANNOT BUT REGRET THE UNNECESSARY CONTROVERSY WHICH OCCURRED THIS MORNING; ESPECIALLY SO, SINCE IT IS PAKISTAN'S HOPE

THAT ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WILL FURTHER PROMISE GOOD RELATIONS AND COOPERATION WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE OUR NEIGHBORS." END TEXT.

6. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR KHAN THE AFGHANIS DIDN'T GIVE UP. THEY CONTINUED TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF A "DECLARATION OF INTENT" IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, SEEKING TO AMEND THE FINAL DECLARATION TO INCLUDE SUCH A REQUIREMENT. AGAIN THE TANZANIANS SUPPORTED THE AFGHANIS, BUT LITTLE SUPPORT DEVELOPED AND NO SUCH PROVISION WAS INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DECLARATION. AMB KHAN BELIEVES THAT THE YUGOSLAVS (WHO THROUGHOUT WERE VERY HELPFUL TO THE PAKISTANIS) STEPPED IN AND TOLD THE AFGHANIS "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH."

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- 7. WE REPORTED IN REF D THE REMARKS BY AFGHANI REPRESENTATIVE FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN TO THE GENERAL PLENARY ON JULY 27. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, AMIN REFERRED TO THE "ONLY POLITICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN -- THE QUESTION OF THE PUSHTOONI AND BALUCHI PEOPLES -- (WHICH) WILL BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATION." THE AFGHANI REPRESENTATIVE ALSO AFFIRMED THAT IN HIS COUNTRY'S VIEW THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAVE IN THE SOCIALIST STATES "THEIR TRUE, NORMAL FRIENDS."
- 8. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE AFGHANIS WERE IN AN AGGRESSIVE MOOD AT BELGRADE, AT LEAST WHERE THE PAKISTANIS WERE CONCERNED. AFGHANI REPRESENTATIVE AMIN'S REMARK ABOUT THE SOCIALIST STATES BEING THE "TRUE, NORMAL FRIENDS OF THE NAM," AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PRAISE HE ACCORDED THE USSR (REF D), ALSO PLACE THE AFGHANIS SQUARELY ON SIDE OF THE CUBANS IN THE BELGRADE DEBATE ON IDEOLOGY AND DIRECTION OF THE MOVEMENT. EAGLEBURGER

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